

STRAIGHT FROM THE STATEHOUSE

MCGREEVEY CONVENES “SMART GROWTH”

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MCGREEVEY STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of Senator Paul Wellstone. Senator Wellstone was a distinguished public servant and a true advocate for the people of Minnesota. He was a respected leader, serving his State and his country with great distinction.

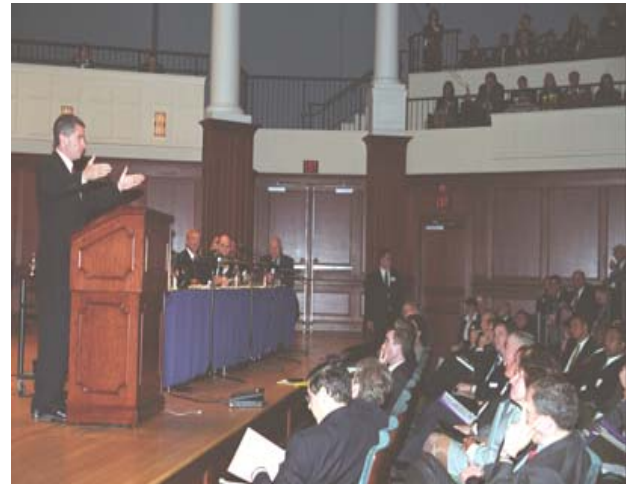
"My thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family members of Senator Wellstone during this very difficult time. We will mourn his loss and the loss of all those whose lives were lost in this tragedy.

At last week's Smart Growth Summit, Governor McGreevey unveiled major initiatives to fulfill the goals of Smart Growth by freeing up funding for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields and protecting critical drinking water sources.

"We must concentrate our efforts in three key areas," said McGreevey. "We must stop subsidizing sprawl, we must focus on redevelopment, and we must regulate smarter, so we encourage growth where we want it and discourage it where we don't."

Governor McGreevey announced that New Jersey will provide additional incentives for the cleanup of contaminated sites for residential development under A-2437, which he signed into law last week.

Governor McGreevey also followed through on his commitment to protect "high quality waters" and discussed other



Gov. McGreevey delivers remarks at the Smart Growth Summit.

steps the State is taking to grow in accordance with Smart Growth principles. Governor McGreevey also directed Community Affairs Commissioner Levin to establish a package of "super-incentives" for developers who are working in Smart Growth areas and adhering to Smart Growth principles.

MCGREEVEY: EDUCATION EQUALS EMPOWERMENT

At last week's 2002 New Jersey's Women's Conference Governor McGreevey affirmed the State's commitment to empower women through education and self-sufficiency in all aspects of life: government, business, and their home lives. The Governor also recognized the leadership women provide in his Administration and throughout State Government.

"When we empower women, we directly impact the kinds of policies our government implements, the kinds of decisions

we make, and the kinds of role models we create for our sons and daughters. I am here to report to you that we have made good progress, but there is more work to be done."

The Governor stressed the importance of a 21st Century education to adequately prepare young women for the new economy. He also discussed several educational initiatives he has proposed that will provide youth with the necessary technological skills and work-place readiness to compete for the State's top jobs.

BILL SIGNIGS

Governor McGreevey signed the following bills into law last week:

A-565/S-102

(Arnone/Impeveduto/Cardinale/Singer): Designated the "Interior Designers Certification Act."

ACS for A-2437/1801/S-1181

(Fisher/Guscoria/Kean/Sarlo/Sires/Allen/Rice): Expands redevelopment agreement program to provide incentives for residential development of contaminated sites.

A1753/ S1505

(Weinberg/Caraballo/Vitale/Rice): Eliminates the requirements under current law that applications for marriage licenses contain information on an individual's race and that State Licensing Officers record the race of individuals getting married on the marriage license

MCGREEVEY RECOMMITTS TO FIGHT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE RESOURCES

At the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse last week, Governor McGreevey reaffirmed the administration's efforts to reduce illicit drug use in New Jersey.



Gov. McGreevey, Dina Matos McGreevey and Personnel Commissioner Castro at NJ Race for the Cure.

"My administration remains committed to helping those suffering from addiction," said McGreevey. "We must expand access to treatment and support the substance abuse prevention. Those abusing drugs and alcohol cannot quit by themselves. They need the support of friends, family and the community, as well as treatment programs."

The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse unites communities in a coordinated and comprehensive prevention effort. The Council administers and monitors the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. The Alliance, which includes 525 municipalities and over 3,800 programs and has earned national awards.

MCGREEVEY MEETS WITH NJ TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Governor McGreevey, joined by Assembly Speaker Albio Sires, met the 2002-2003 New Jersey Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Elspeth Corrigan Moore, a librarian and media specialist at Memorial High School in West New York.

"Mrs. Corrigan is a model for educational excellence—a goal our Administration works toward each and every

day," said McGreevey.

As Teacher of the Year, Moore will advocate and serve as a role model for the teaching profession by speaking on behalf of teachers statewide and representing New Jersey at the national Teacher of the Year competition.

NEW JERSEY DELIVERS ON EARTH DAY COMMITMENT

The McGreevey Administration reaffirmed its Earth Day pledge to safeguard New Jersey's critical drinking water sources and critical habitats for threatened and endangered species by announcing new regulations to upgrade 15 waterbodies to the highest level - Category One (C1) - of protection.

"These new regulations represent the State's first significant attempt to protect waters and endangered species through safeguarding New Jersey's existing high-quality drinking waters supplies," said Governor McGreevey. Category

One (C1) designation protects waterways from any discharge that produces a measurable change in the existing quality of the water. The reservoirs protected by these new regulations serve almost four million citizens – nearly half New Jersey's population.

In addition to safeguarding drinking water, the protections announced also will help preserve water quality for streams and waterways serving as critical habitat for many of New Jersey's threatened and endangered species.